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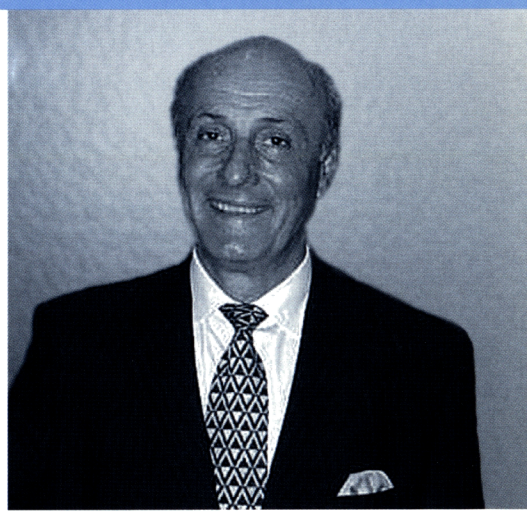
newsletter **May**

End of an Era



The AGM on May 31st will mark the end of the an era as chairman Denis Cleary steps down from the job after five years. Joining him in retirement, will be fellow Committee members John Alexander, Richard McKinnon and Les Owen.

Denis Cleary has presided over an era of change at Tattersall's and no change was more welcome than the growing financial strength of the Club. In his final report he has noted that we made profits and enjoyed liquidity unmatched in the past forty years. This achievement has been accomplished in conjunction with the multi-million refurbishment that has transformed the appearance and comfort of our Elizabeth Street premises.

During the past year, along with the Club's traditional annual activities such as Black Tie Boxing, the Snooker Calcutta, the Golden Slipper Calcutta, Race Day and dozens of others, Members have enjoyed many highlights. Particularly, our participation in the Sydney Olympics as we hosted the US Olympic Committee and saw more Olympians enjoy Tattersall's facilities that at any other time in our long history. A number of our Members carried the Olympic torch and that carried by Harry Turner has been donated to the Club to take pride of place with our collection of sporting memorabilia. Chairman Cleary has said that it was a privilege for him to be Chairman of the Club during this time.

A second important milestone was the setting of new standards in quality and presentation of our food services through our association with Chef Brahimi. This has given Tattersall's the finest club dining in the country. In both our Bistro and catering we have set new standards that would be the envy of the best restaurants.

In addition, during the past five years, the Committee has managed an expenditure of nearly two million dollars that has:

- Purchased the ground floor shop in '96.
- Refurbished the Athletic Department.
- Rebuilt the Bistro.
- Relocated the Snooker Room from the second to the third floor and turned it into one of the world's finest.
- Refurbished the second floor bar.
- Arranged accommodation with the Women's Club on the fourth floor.
- Installed a new state-of-the-art filtration system in the swimming pool.

Chairman Cleary leaves the Committee pointing out that new members are the lifeblood of a club and a growing membership is proving difficult to achieve for city clubs worldwide. All Members must be conscious of this need. But, as Denis says: "Have a swim, walk into the Bistro, soak up the greenery of Hyde park, eat Guillame's food. It doesn't get any better in Sydney or anywhere else in the world."

housekeeping

club news

From April, the Club says farewell to Financial Controller Barry Goron ("I'm of to ride my Harley-Davidson and play more golf" says Barry) and welcomes Paul Wylie, his replacement.

Paul is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Originally from Coventry in the UK, he speaks German and French and since coming to Australia in 1967 has had a career spanning industry and professional practice. His last position was as Financial Controller of Sydney's Masonic Centre.

As a Tattersall's Member, Barry will still be seen around the Club, especially in the gym.

New and old Financial Controllers share an accountant's joke

secretary's notes

Much has been said in the media recently regarding gambling within the club and hotel industry. Lately a moratorium has been introduced on the introduction of new poker machines within NSW. There is little doubt that this has been due to public, political and church disquiet regarding their consequences in such large numbers within the leisure environment. Many people look back with regret at the introduction of 'pokies' into what was once a peaceful local pub.

Tattersall's Members have been spared this mechanical intrusion as the Club removed poker machines in the early nineties, and unlike the vast majority of clubs within the state, does not rely on gambling as a source of revenue and profit. Within the state, clubs on average obtain 74% of their revenue from gaming machines, 14% from bar sales, 7% from food sales and 5% from other revenue sources.

However, at Tattersall's subscriptions provide the largest source of revenue, followed by a percentage of catering trading. Thus, it has been a fine achievement over the past two years to undertake such a major upgrade of facilities, without the revenue stream produced by gaming machines. Increased membership is therefore imperative for us to continue to provide the level of service and surroundings now available to Members.

new members

David Andrews	General Manager, Sports Marketing
Graham Darwin	Company Director, Finance
Peter Kallin	Real Estate
Daniel Morgan	Lawyer
John Wilson	Writer
Peter Wynne	Hotelier

tattersalls into the year 2001

calendar **of events**

2001

may

1st Swim Club Month 4 commences
1st Christian Fellowship Meeting. Bistro level 2
4th Super 12. Members' Bar
10th Snooker Calcutta/Dinner
11th Super 12. Member's Bar
18th Black Tie Boxing
19th Super 12. (Saturday) Member's Bar
26th Super 12 Grand Final. (Saturday) Member's Bar
29th Swim Club Month 5 commences. Swimmers' Snack Bar Lunch
31st Snooker Night

june

8th Guillaume Brahimi Dinner
5th Christian Fellowship Meeting. Bistro level 2
26th Swim Club Month 6 commences

july

3rd Christian Fellowship Meeting. Bistro level 2
13th British Lions Lunch
14th British Lions Game
24th Swim Club Month 7 commences

august

3rd Villains of League
7th Christian Fellowship Meeting. Bistro level 2
21st Swim Club Month 8 commences. Swimmers' Snack Bar Lunch. 2 Tatts Race- Date T.B.A (Swimming) 1 week off for Maui
31st Bledisloe Cup Lunch

september

1st Spring Carnival Race Day Bledisloe Cup Match
4th Christian Fellowship Meeting. Bistro level 2
25th Swim Club Month 9 commences

october

2nd Christian Fellowship Meeting. Bistro level 2
19th Black Tie Boxing
23rd Swim Club Month 10 commences

november

6th Melbourne Cup Lunch
6th Christian Fellowship Meeting. Bistro level 2
22nd Swim Club Championships
29th Swim Club Christmas Scramble
15th Swim Club Season concludes Thursday

december

4th Swim Club Christmas Lunch
6th Christian Fellowship Meeting. Bistro

IT'S ON AGAIN...

CHEF BRAHIMI'S 2ND DEGUSTATION DINNER. FRIDAY JUNE 15.

LIMITED SEATS. $130

When he surprised us with a menu featuring fresh truffles that he had had flown from France, Guillaume's last Gourmet Dinner was a memorable night. Each dish was perfectly accompanied by an exceptional wine and there can't be a guest of the evening who doesn't still relish the sheer indulgence of Guillaume's finale: a quite sinful warm chocolate tart.

If you missed out last time, book now, take your partner, your partners of your friends and bask in the appreciation. The menu will reflect what's fresh on the day.

Bookings through the office. 9264 6111

Chef Brahimi

THE GOLDEN SLIPPER CALCUTTA

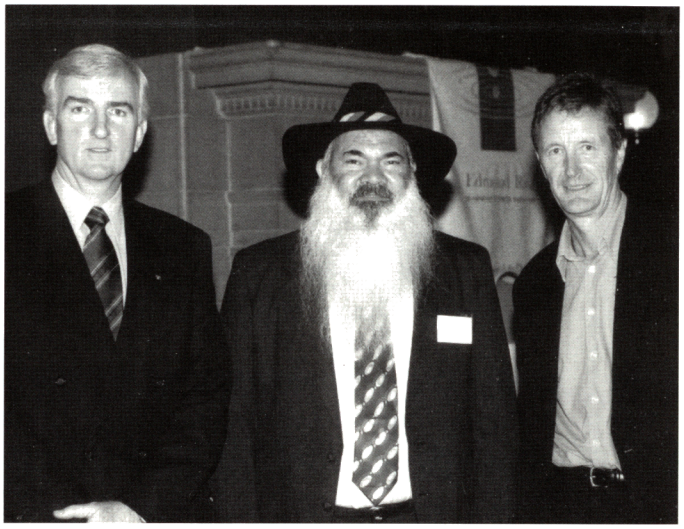
Over 120 members attended the evening with guest of honour Clarrie Connors, trainer of four Slipper winners.

Total pool for the evening was $30700 which was well distributed. Well-known bookmaker Michael Sullivan and his table bought the winner 'HaHa' and second place 'Excellerator', third place went to the Arthur Inglis table with 'Red Hannigan'.

Keen punters who followed the tips of both Sullivan and Colin Tidy, would have been well rewarded.

DISTINGUISHED LIBERTARIANS

The Club was the venue for a recent meeting of the Edmund Rice Foundation civil liberty group. Amongst the well-known faces present were Michael Pascoe from Channel 9, Patrick Dodson former chairman of ADSIC and Paul Barry from the ABC.



Michael Pascoe, Patrick Dodson and Paul Barry

Vince Maloney's Leisure Leathers speak Italian

Watch it.

The week-end jacket in Italian leather (worn with the smooth sports car) is looking good in country places where up-market citizens used to wear English tweed and camel hair.

Leather can be magic stuff, It's all in the tanning. From Milan to Parma to Florence,

Vince M. has been fishing for leather jackets (ho ho) and has come up with an impressive armful designed by the legendary Maria Vittoria under her Latini label.

The Marlo-Brando-looking one goes with your expensive jeans and $600.

The serious snow-country one is formidable. Add a scarf for the hell of it . Pull up that giant swashbuckling. collar and you're blizzard-proof.

Vince Maloney & Co

Vince Maloney On-The-Park

Next door to Tattersall's **ph. 9264 8837**

tattersalls ski week 2001

-where ski legends begin...(well almost)

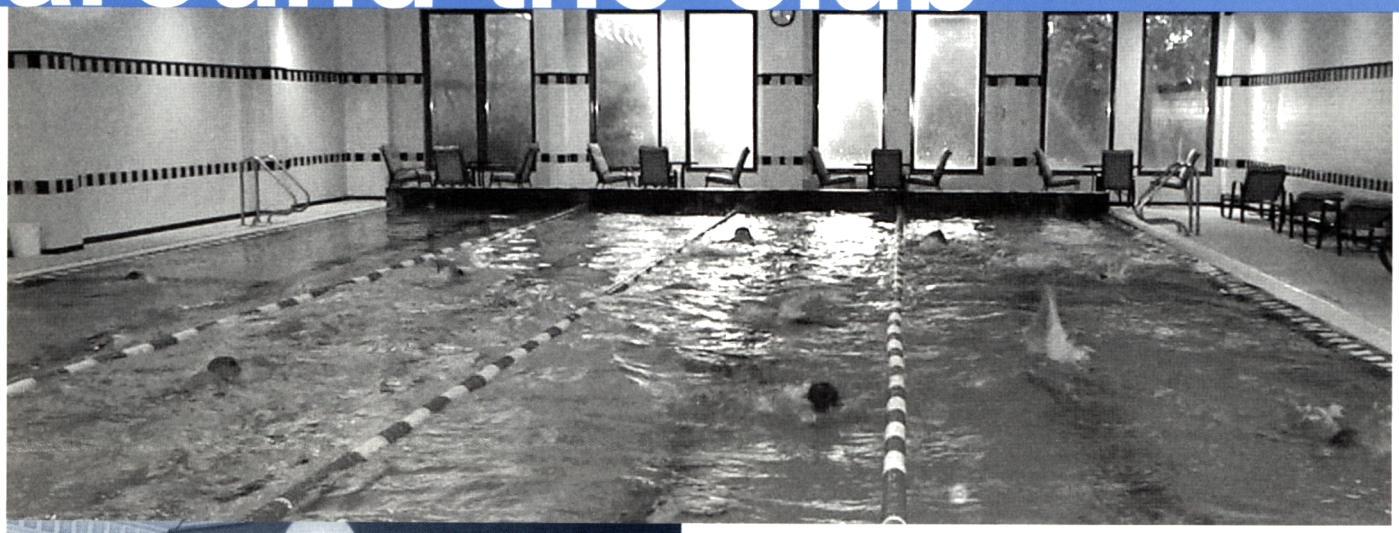
This year we celebrate our 31st year of the **tatersalls ski week**.

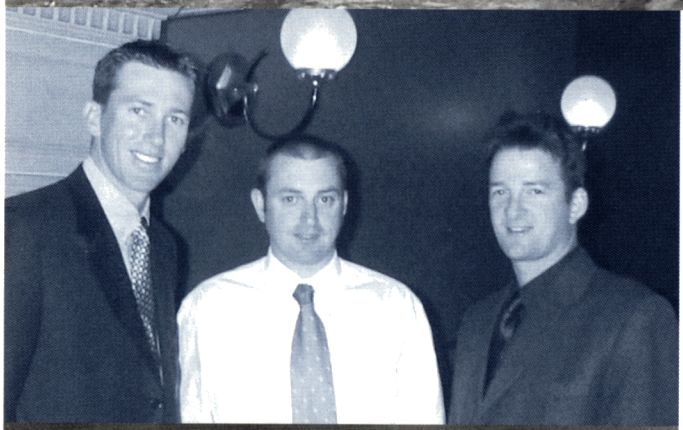
We ski from July 21 to July 28 at Technology Lodge, Perisher Valley.

Your $700 includes **accommodation and food** with a chef and wine.

Book now by contacting simon@f-a.com.au

around the club

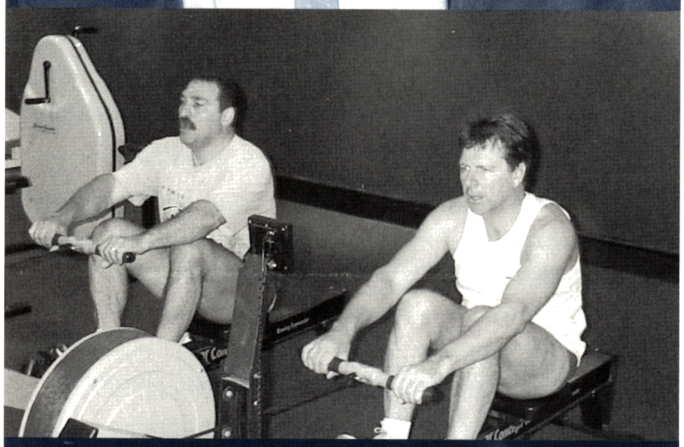




Glen McGrath and Mark Waugh flank cricketer and rugby player Mark Patterson at his testimonial dinner.

Harry Turner's early morning swim squad in action.

The 'Lunch Crew' in their traditional starting positions.



Tony Wehby and John Fisher training for the double sculls at the Montreal Master's Regatta later this year in Canada.

Swim Club regulars David Robinson and Greg McMahon.

Keeping it in the family; Snooker Club regulars Andrew, Cameron and David Horne.

sports

swimming club

What a start to the year for the brothers Debney, with Russell following Bill as winner of the 50m in Month 2. Not content with this Debney family triumph, they went on to win the doubles in the Snooker!

Results of Month 2 swimming were:

Manchester Unity 50m:

		YTD End Mon 2:	
1. R. Debney	36	1. W. Debney	64
2. J. Greaves	31	2. P. Thiel	56
3. B. Fallshaw	25	3. I. Lemmey	50
P Gibson	25		

Brahimi Bistro Award 100m:

		YTD End Month 2:	
1. P. Theil	25	1. P. Theil	51
2. I. Lemmey	24	2. I. Lemmey	45
3. Greaves	21	3. C Puertolas	39
C Puertolas	21		

Swimmer of the Month - Month 2 Optus Award:

Committee's Choice - Ian Lemmey

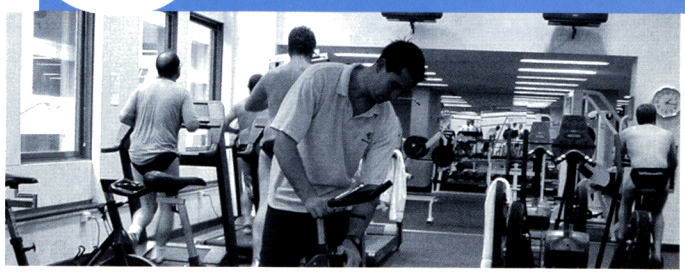
Progress Points in the Col Bowes Memorial Trophy:

1 P. Theil	19
2. B. Fallshaw	15
3. J Berry	14
P Gibson	14
H Turner	14

Nice to see, the dapper Max Sernack back to say hello to friends old and new, John Ward up from Melbourne showed there is more than one swimmer in the family and we welcomed the return of Bob Hudson and David Castle.

PS: Don't forget the Swimmers Snack Bar Lunch - Tuesday 29 May.

athletics dept.



Trainer and cycling champion Josh Kersten adjusts one of the new bikes in the Gym.

Lift Weights for Increased Health and Bigger Biceps

Weight training is something that many people relate to body builders, football players and posers. However the benefits of weight lifting should not be dismissed when aiming for an overall level of fitness.

Weight training is responsible for the release of Growth Hormone whose role in the body is to increase bone density, muscle mass, connective tissue (collagen) and immune system function. Weight training has been shown to slow the aging process and assist in the recovery from illness and surgery.

A combination of regular aerobic exercise and a suitable weight training program will ensure weight loss is true fat loss, not the wasting of muscle tissue (atrophy).

The athletic department staff are available to give Free Fitness Assessments. Members can make bookings by calling 9264 - 6111

Tattersalls Basketball News

Tattersalls is entering its own basketball team in the Cook and Phillip Park Thursday Night Men's Competition starting in July.

Last year's team, known as the Tattersalls Tigers was a blend of youth and experience with members such as Phil Lawton, Peter Hedge, Scott Hedge, David Robertson, Peter Thiel, Ed Thrum, Kaz Pociask, Robert Beveridge and David O'Dowd playing hard each week.

Any interested players should see Ben Phillips in the Athletic Department to sign up and become involved with a great team.

expertonline

We question Max Whitby.
The member who can see the future.
Ex-Bushy and AJC candidate

You came to Sydney in 1967?

I got involved with the Bourbon and Beefsteak, Harpoon Harrys and the Texas Tavern. Now I'm chairman of that estate.

In '77 I entered the infant futures industry. We had one Reuters machine, one of three in Sydney and it took five days to get confirmation of a trade in London. Now you can get a confirmation in sub-second time.

We established L Quay in 1990. Deutsche Bank took 49% and an old Bangalow boy had the world's second biggest bank as his major shareholder. The membership I bought was Tricontinental's the failed Victorian State Bank. Prices have been as high as $1.4million and I paid $70K, that gave me a wonderful platform to go forward on.

We were a specialist for 'locals'. There were about 300 traders who had the guts & entreprenuerialism to put their own money up, and trade their own accounts. These guys are ex-employees of the large broking firms who brought liquidity to the markets to feed the big-name brokerage houses.

What was your best ever trade?

Deciding not to trade and opening my business instead.

You've been involved in a lot of charity work?

I'm the past president of the King's Cross Rotary Club, the Kings Cross Community Centre, the Sydney Aussie Rules Social Club. I run the markets for charities on Sunday mornings. When the Swans needed a home and a club, we put that in for them next to the Bourbon. And I am the secretary of the NSW Racehorse Owners' Association - don't know if you'd call that a charity though, it's a lot of bloody hard work! The ROA has raised over $400,000 for Matthew Talbot through our now-famous Annual Awards night dinner and I encourage all members to support a truly great charity and enjoy one the highlights of the social calendar in August.

Now, at a young 50, you're running for the AJC committee?

Yes. I have a passion for racing, but I'll bring a strong business background to my committee contributions. As a broker I'm surrounded by young members, so I hear what's important to the younger generation. They are the future of the AJC.

I ran two elections ago when I was fired up for personal reasons as a Member. I was beaten by about 149 votes. It is very important that all members vote and list their preferences as this is a large ticket with three vacancies.

What are your odds?

There are three vacancies and a Melbourne Cup field running, which adds a bit more drama.

What are you offering?

I respect the history and the prestige of the AJC and I can bring something to it. I'm the chairman of a thirty million dollar private trust which has a major catering and hospitality component. I was the youngest licensee in NSW. I understand business from both small and large scale perspectives. I see three major representative issues:-

Firstly, you have to look after Members' rights. Members go for a drink and they're in a queue with 10-15,000 in the Member's Enclosure. When it rains everyone's packed in. There's a major lack of facilities particularly for ladies and the overcrowding of the upstairs bars has to be reviewed. The committee can't stay aloof from the rest of the Membership.

The second big one is that there's a massive asset and cashbox and the question is how it's being administered - it's taken years to get tunnels built and years to focus on refurbishing the main track. Of course prudence is necessary, but why take so long to make decisions? Maybe it's the impertinence of youth for a fifty year old to call for quicker decision making, but I don't think so. When you run in a high pressure and high risk businesses you get used to making decisions in pressurised time-frames.

And the third is the catering component. Randwick is a licensed premises so there could be a club there, and there is a strong push for a hotel and a sporting complex.

This is how you provide Members' benefits - interesting issue - let's hear from the Members.

You've always loved horse racing?

I was born in Bangalow and came to Sydney in '67 after jackarooing out at 'Willow Tree' on a Santa Gertrudis Stud. I've been around horses forever and the racing industry allows me to continue my association with them.

How many horses are you involved with now?

Eight at the moment, although a certain natural attrition means the number does move around a bit! I remember John Singleton saying at a Carbine lunch years ago, "I'll never own another horse!" just after he owned Strawberry Road. But without owners, there'd be no jockeys, no tracks, no committees, no trainers. My association with the NSW Racehorse Owners Association allows me to actively encourage a vital part of the industry.

Apart from racing, what are your sports?

I played junior league and a lot of water polo. I swim every morning and I walk for two hours every Saturday. I'm a long-term member of the AJC and the STC. In league, I think it's appalling what's happened to the game. I treasure Souths but go the Bulldogs.

You've been a Member since the new club opened?

I love the Tatt's traditions, I'd like to see us more involved in racing as we traditionally were. I think Chef Brahimi has brought us a new dimension, he does a lot for charity and I've given him a personal undertaking to support him now that he's at the catering helm of the club.